

## **HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING APRIL 1, 2013**

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, April 1, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Administration Center. Those in attendance included Vice President Paul Wyman and Member Brad Bray. Also present were County Attorney Larry Murrell and Auditor Martha Lake. In the absence of President Tyler Moore, Vice President Paul Wyman vacated the chair to make a motion or second any motion, in order to complete the business of the Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Steve Rogers and conducted by Vice President Wyman. Commissioner Brad Bray led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Wyman offered a word of prayer.

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the March 18, 2013 Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Bray.

The minutes of the March 27, 2013 Executive Session were submitted. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Tyler Moore, Paul Wyman and Brad Bray; Councilman Jim Papacek; Plan Commission Director Greg Sheline; County Extension Agent Paul Marcellino; Auditor Martha Lake and County Attorney Larry Murrell. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss strategy with respect to litigation threatened specifically in writing, as authorized by IC5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(B). A motion was made by Mr. Wyman, seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2013 Executive Meeting as submitted.

### **IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

#### **PLAN COMMISSION:**

- 1) Plan Commission Director Greg Sheline submitted Case 2-CP-13, three (3) lots in Rome Downs Subdivision, located at 1970 South County Road 1100 East. This Plat had originally been approved in 2012, but the owners did not have the document recorded. It now comes before the Commissioners for the second approval in order to record the plat. There was no remonstrance on this request. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve Case 2-CP-13, three lots in Rome Downs Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.
- 2) Mr. Sheline submitted Ordinance No. 2013-BCCO-6, rezoning three properties in Rome Downs Subdivision, located at 1970 South County Road 1100 East, from AG (Agricultural) to RR (Rural Residential). Ordinance No. 2013-BCCO-6 was approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray and seconded by Mr. Wyman.
- 3) Concerning a Flood Mitigation update, Mr. Sheline informed the Commissioners that the nine flood mitigation properties are now being demolished. A few small problems were resolved over the weekend. One of the properties contained an underground storage tank (not anticipated), so Alliance Excavating may be issuing a change order request. Those figures are not available at this time, but Alliance is working on what will be needed. Attorney Larry Murrell suggested the Board approve a Change Order from Alliance, subject to legal review. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve a Change Order from Alliance Excavating for the removal of a Storage Tank, subject to review and approval by the Plan Commission and Counsel, and authorize the Vice President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried. The Change Order will be paid out of the grant money.

#### **MAINTENANCE:**

Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Scott Reed distributed information concerning the need to address a leak in the decking overlay board of the Courthouse Roof, above Superior Court IV. Mr. Reed has obtained several quotes and the lowest and most responsive quote comes from Lawmasters, in the amount of \$125,565.00. There is money to fund the project from the Building Repair line item in the Cum Cap Fund (1138-000-04724.00). The current roof is about 25 – 30 years old; this project will be addressing the half of the roof that contains the leak (Phase I). Mr. Murrell is currently working on the standard form contract. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve the lowest most responsive quote from Lawmasters, in the amount of \$125,560.00, subject to the standard form contract, and authorize the Vice President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

**SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:**

Sheriff Rogers submitted an estimate from Crowder Detention Equipment Parts & Services, in the amount of \$9,650, to furnish and install one (1) replacement flush galvaneal security door and frame at the north employee entrance of the Criminal Justice Center. This is not a part of the renovation project, but will be coming from the Cum Cap Fund, Building and Structure Repair / Sheriff line item (1138-000-03251.05). This door has been in place since 1993. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve the request to replace the north employee entrance door, using Crowder Detention, in the amount of \$9,650.00, to be paid from Cum Cap Fund. In a response to a question by Commissioner Wyman, Sheriff Rogers affirmed that an awning will be installed at a later date.

**PERSONNEL:**

1) Personnel Director Wanda McKillip submitted a listing of Howard County Appointees for 2013 as follows:

County Veteran’s Administrator	Col. Ross Waltemath	No Expiration Date
County Attorney / Coordinator	Larry Murrell	Expires 12/31/2014
Assistant County Attorney	Alan D. Wilson	Expires 12/31/2014
Building & Grounds Superintendent	Scott Reed	Expires 12/31/2013
Highway Engineer / Superintendent	Ted Cain	Expires 12/31/2013
County Home / Howard Haven	Jennifer Vary	Expires 02/29/2016
Voter’s Registration		
Democrat Party Designee	Susan Kennedy	Effective 03/25/2013
Republican Party Re-appointee	Carol Shallenberger	

Ms. McKillip called the Commissioners’ attention to the new Democrat Party Designee, Ms. Susan Kennedy.

2) Ms. McKillip is working with American Health Network to schedule the next Wellness Testing for the first two weeks in May, 2013. The Personnel Office is currently working on employee packets. Employees who test will be able to start savings to their weekly rates in June, 2013. Only Anthem insured County Employees who need to re-test (two or more fail), or have not yet tested, will be eligible.

3) As a Kick-off activity to the Wellness Testing, a Healthy Luncheon will be held April 18, 2013, for employees and their spouse. The luncheon will be prepared by Susan Neher (County Extension) and serving times will be 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 12 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. AHN will be preparing the Employee memo for distribution.

4) Mr. Doug Heath (Regions Insurance) will be meeting with several County Executives to discuss the Health Reform changes that will be effective January 1, 2014.

5) As a part of National County Government Month, Ms. McKillip has scheduled tours for Northwestern Elementary (April 17) and Western Elementary (April 12), at the Courthouse. Taylor High School will schedule a day in April, for a tour of the Administration Center. Ms. McKillip will e-mail information to the Board of Commissioners.

**TREASURER:**

Treasurer Ann Wells submitted a need to repair the hydraulics on 10 chairs in the Treasurer’s Office. The chairs in question are thirteen years old and out of the ten-year warranty, costing \$100 per chair to repair. This will be less than the cost to replace the chairs. Ms. Wells asks permission to use Cum Cap money to repair the present chairs. Because most of the chairs in the Administration Center were purchased during the renovation of the Center in 2000, Mr. Wyman asked Mr. Scott Reed to take an inventory of the chair repair needs in the Administration Center, and take this request under advisement until the next Commissioner meeting.

## **STORMWATER:**

Coordinator Greg Lake submitted two invoices for the Darrough Chapel Project: one from Mendenhall and Associates, in the amount of \$2,350.00, and one from Keith Sullivan Excavating, in the amount of \$72,991.89. Both will be paid from the Darrough Chapel Project Grant. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the two claims submitted for the Darrough Chapel Project, in the total amount of \$75,341.89, and authorize the Vice President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyman and carried.

The County's part of the project will be completed once the homes are connected to the sewer lines the County installed, and are functioning. Mr. Lake confirmed that the grant deadline is June 1, 2013. If the project is not completed by that time, the County will have to ask for an extension.

## **IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:**

Auditor Martha Lake submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly and Overtime claims payable April 5 and 12, 2013, in the amount of \$352,448.92 each, were submitted, and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray and seconded by Mr. Wyman.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims payable today, in the amount of \$501,865.24, were submitted, and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray and seconded by Mr. Wyman.
3. **Township Appeal Hearing:** Commissioner Brad Bray submitted a Township Appeal Hearing from Friday, March 28, 2013. This appeal was on behalf of Ms. Margaret Carey, from Howard Township. After listening to testimony from Ms. Carey and Howard Township Trustee, Jocena Schaffer, it was the recommendation of Hearing Officer Bray to uphold the denial of the Township Trustee. Mr. Bray put the recommendation in the form of a motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyman to uphold the denial of the Township Trustee, and the motion was carried.

## **IN THE MATTER OF THE CONFIRMATION OF SIGNATURE:**

Attorney Larry Murrell submitted a request to confirm President Tyler Moore's signature on a GSA-Federal Supply Schedule Purchase Order from Verizon Wireless. The agreement is for monthly access and cellular service for 120 units, and equipment charges, in the total amount of \$57,780.00 for the year. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman, seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried to confirm the signature of President Tyler Moore on the GSA-Federal Supply Schedule Purchase Order.

## **IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS ISSUES:**

Vice President Wyman noted the absence of President Tyler Moore, commenting that, though he was missed, he was on a well deserved vacation.

Mr. Wyman and Auditor Lake also noted the attendance of visitor, Mr. Darrell Pennycoff. Mr. Pennycoff commented that he just wanted to see the "process" and that he was very pleased with what he has seen.

## **IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Vice President Wyman opened the floor for Public Comment as follows:

**Mr. William Galles, 804 Jeff Drive, Kokomo:** Mr. Galles objects to recent recycling fee increases to individual homeowners who drop off materials at the recycling yard. He feels that the fee will restrict recycling efforts, encouraging citizens to burn the materials or put them in the trash. He requests that the Recycling District consider reversing their current policy, and that recycling costs be paid from current taxes, as a priority issue.

Mr. Wyman, who sits on the Recycling District Board, explained the need to increase those fees, trying to find a balance, as opposed to raising taxes.

Mr. Galles would also like to see the Board of Commissioners draft a County Burn Ordinance.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, at this time,  
the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.  
on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Bray.*

**HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

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TYLER O. MOORE, PRESIDENT

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PAUL G. WYMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

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ROBERT B. BRAY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR  
Howard County Commissioner Meeting April 1, 2013